Remuneration to Village Officers.

READ—

Government Order No. L. 264-73—V. P. 71-29-5, dated 16th July 1930, directing that Patels and Shanbhogs attending to the collection of Village Panchayet taxes be paid, from Panchayet Funds, Potgi and Contingent Allowances at certain rates, except when they happen to be the Chairman or the Secretary of the Village Panchayet.

ORDER No. L. 5896-5905—V. P. 59-31-1, DATED 17—19TH FEBRUARY 1932.

Government consider that in the interests of speedy collection of taxes, it is desirable that the village officers should be given the remuneration even when they happen to be on the Panchayet and they are accordingly pleased to direct that Para 4 of the Government Order read above be deleted.

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General Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Development of irrigation under the Irwin Canal.

READ—

Government Order No. C. 93-120—K. S. S., 570-597, dated 8th June 1931, laying down the policy of irrigation to be adopted and other matters connected with the development of irrigation under the Irwin Canal.

2. Government Order No. 786-810—K. S. S., 2611-35, dated 26th November 1931, revising the forms of mutchalikas to be executed by the raiyats in connection with the irrigation under the Irwin Canal.

3. Representations dated 4th January 1932, from the Deputationists from Mandya, Maddur and Malvalli Taluks, regarding the irrigation under the Irwin Canal.

4. Note No. D. 260—K. S. S., dated 12th January 1932, from the Secretary to Government Krishnarajasagara Works, regarding the representations made by the Deputationists.

ORDER NO. 1365-89—K. S. S., 4634-58, DATED 23RD FEBRUARY 1932.

It has been represented that the existing orders regarding the conditions of supply of water to the lands commanded by the Irwin Canal require modifications in some respects. The Chairman of the Krishnarajasagara Working Committee has urged that the condition relating to the levy of contribution might be relaxed to some extent, for ensuring the rapid development of the area. Two deputations of raiyats owning lands in the area also waited on the Dewan on the 25th October 1931 and 4th January 1932 and explained their difficulties.

2. The more important of the points urged for reconsideration are the following :—

(1) System of cultivation ;
(2) Amount of contribution and period of its payment ; and
(3) Interest on unpaid contributions.

3. Government have given careful consideration to these representations and they have also had the question of the sanctioned system of cultivation re-examined by the Krishnarajasagara Working Committee with the assistance of four co-opted non-official members representing the raiyats of the different areas coming under the Canal. The main objects of the rotational arrangement of cultivation proposed to be

adopted under this Canal are to use the available water to the best advantage, to secure the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people, and to prevent the areas from becoming water-logged and unhealthy. In view of these considerations, the rotational system is the best and the Krishnarajasagara Working Committee is of the decided opinion that this system is quite suitable and workable and that it presents no great practical difficulties. No modification of this system can, therefore, be made. Should there, however, be any minor difficulties or inconveniences calling for relief in the initial stage of adoption of this arrangement, the required remedy could be afforded on a consideration of the circumstances of each individual case. Most cases of this nature would arise only in the first two or three years and Government will be glad to have them examined by a Committee on which the raiyats concerned are represented. For this purpose, therefore, Government are pleased to appoint a Committee of which the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore will be the Chairman and the Executive Engineer, Irwin Canal Division, Mandya, the Agricultural Chemist, and four persons nominated by Government to represent raiyats, the Members.

4. As regards the contributions payable, the limits fixed in the Government Order dated 8th June 1931, cannot be held to be too high considering the assured and perennial nature of supply from the Canal, the substantial enhancement in the capital value of the lands resulting from their conversion into wet, and, the fact that as high and even higher rates are paid for lands depending on precarious supplies from rain-fed tanks. The only concessions in regard to contributions which Government consider, are called for, are the lightening of the instalments in the first few years and some extension of the total period for the payment of the whole amount. Government are accordingly pleased to direct that the contributions fixed, be paid in twelve years instead of in ten, that the amount of a full instalment be taken as one-tenth of the contribution and that the payments in the first four years be fractions of a full instalment, namely one-fourth, one-half, one-half, and three-fourths respectively, and that the balance be paid in equal annual instalments in the remaining eight years.

5. The third important representation is about the interest on contributions required to be paid under the order of 8th June 1931. Taking all circumstances into consideration, Government have decided to waive the levy of interest altogether. The instalments of contribution as directed in paragraph 4 *supra* should be paid punctually, but when they are not so paid, interest will be charged on overdue instalments in accordance with the usual practice.

6. In the orders passed above, Government have allowed whatever concession is possible in respect of the three chief representations referred to in paragraph 2 *supra*. It is unnecessary to mention specifically the other matters about which representations have been made. They have all been carefully considered, but Government do not see any reason to modify the orders already passed regarding them.

7. The form of the mutchalika will be revised in accordance with this order and prompt action taken by all officers concerned for obtaining mutchalikas and for supplying water to lands.

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